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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Taxable polls,		213	$21300 00
"	lands and buildings,		452949 00
"	Horses,	266	18750 00
"	Oxen,	56	3770 00
"	Cows,	656	23698 00
"	Other Neat Stock,	81	1083 00
"	Sheep,	80	256 00
"	Carriages,	44	4230 00
"	Money on hand at interest or on deposit,		15318 00
"	Stock in trade,		4000 00
"	Mills and machinery,		2848 00
"	Stock in banks,		2300 00
			$550502 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

For town expenditures,	$3000 00
schools by law,	912 75
extra for school in District No. 1,	50 00
" " house repairs Dist. No. 2,	45 00

State, County, Town and School tax, $7 50 on a thousand.
Highway tax, 15 cents in money on $100.

ACCOUNT OF SELECTMEN.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1884.

Amount of money committed to Abbott Norris, Collector, for all purposes,		$5089 99
Raised by law for Schools,	912 75	
Extra for school in District No. 1,	51 58	
" repairs 2,	44 72	
Dog tax,	43 00	
Amount of Highway tax,	813 69	
Received from State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,		792 41
" " Railroad "		75 94
" " Literary fund,		55 59
" " Bounty on Crows,		22 70
" County Tr. Account of Paupers,		79 69
" for sheep's pelts,		5 50
" John Smith, for old wall at cemetery,		5 00
" sale of land at "		169 00
" Mrs. Elmary Shaw, wood in "		5 00
" C. C. Barton, use of road scraper,		5 00
" J. P. Elkins, use of Town Hall,		2 00
		$6307 82

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Abram D. Hobbs, Surveyor District No. 1,	
Samuel F. French, " " 2,	$43 66
Charles C. Barton, " " 3,	
Joseph B. Jenness, " " 4,	40 97
William H. Philbrick, " " 5,	23 30
Eben H. Dalton, " " 6,	54 56
George A. Page, " " 7,	26 50

Paid Cyrus Fogg,	Surveyor District No. 8,			36 81
Oren B. Leavitt,	"	"	9,	102 26
Ira J. Taylor,	"	"	10,	77 84
George O. Moulton,	"	"	11,	43 68
Eben L. Dalton,	"	"	12,	72 85
Horace S. Brown,	"	"	13,	44 86
George A. Boynton,	"	"	14,	140 00
George D. Brown,	"	"	15,	18 99
Eben L. Dalton,	Taylor's Hill,		76 55	
Richard Taylor,	do		91 85	
Morris H. Moulton,	do		64 49	
Nathan Brown,	do		7 50	
John W. Berry,	do		15 00	
L. W. Fogg,	do		4 95	
Andrew J. Fogg,	do		4 50	
Justin E. Drake,	do		7 50	
George E. Taylor,	do		12 00	
H. L. Marston,	do		10 95	
Oliver B. Fogg,	do		3 00	
				$298 29
James Marden, for gravel,				2 55
Thomas L. Knowles, guide boards,				6 50
Charles B. Spear,	"			3 25
Simon D. Page, breaking roads 1882,				1 00
Simon H. Leavitt, for gravel,				5 50
do	non-resident tax 1882,			4 83
Frank A. Marston,				4 75
Morris H. Moulton, for land to widen road,				35 00
do	gravel,			12 48
Smith & Dow, castings for road machine,				3 60
heirs of Joshua J. Norton, labor and bridge plank 1882,				12 90
O. B. Leavitt, breaking roads,				9 30
				$1126 23

DISCOUNT.

Paid Collector 4 per cent,	$142 91
" 2 "	12 00
	$154 91

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Smith & Dow, groceries furnished Mrs. Moore,	$19 44
John E. Smith, cutting wood for "	1 50
William G. Whenel, " "	3 00
Morris Lock, repairs on " house,	7 98
John W. Berry, 3 1-2 cords wood furnished Mrs. Moore,	14 00
Simon H. Leavitt, 2 " " Mrs. Moore,	7 00
F. R. Drake, 1 " "	4 00
Dr. Wm. O. Junkins, medical services, "	4 75
Sarah J. Rand, on account of John Smith,	32 00
	$93 67

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Frank M. Philbrick, Garland school tax,	$4 29
James Marden, poll tax,	75
Clara L. Shaw, dog tax, error,	1 00
Andrew J. Fogg, highway tax,	2 09
John Brown,	1 84
Gilbert Shaw, loss of sheep by dogs,	11 25
Samuel D. Lane, " " "	29 25
John W. F. Hobbs, " "	10 00

Paid Abbott Norris, poll tax, George Gove, over 70 years,	92	
" " C.P. Hobbs, out town,	92	
" " J. W. Haven, "	92	
" " J. L. French, "	92	
" " I. W. Brown, dead,	92	
" " Wm. Lane, unable to pay,	2 37	
" tax Kimball McLaulin, on mill,	8 18	
" J. C. Philbrick & Son, non-resident highway,	7 88	
		$23 03
Abram D. Hobbs, dog taxed by mistake,		1 00
James F. Hobbs, loss of cow,		~~37~~ 00 37
		$84 87

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid John S. and J. W. Hobbs, on note,	$545 00
Geo. E. Dalton, one year's int. on note,	60 00
Geo. D. Cotton, " " " "	40 00
	$645 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E. C. Eastman, Invoice Record book,	$10 00
Mercer Goodrich, stationery,	3 33
A. C. Whitcomb, chairs for town house,	6 39
John F. French, maintaining water trough,	3 00
John W. Berry, " " "	3 00
H. B. Lamprey, " " "	3 00

Paid Dr. J. W. Odell, record of births and deaths,	1 00
Dr. W. Junkins, " " "	1 75
Dr. Wm. T. Merrill, " "	2 25
Simon D. Page, wood for town house,	3 75
Emons B. Philbrick, making survey of road,	4 00
Pepperell Frost, maintaining water trough '82, '83,	6 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town accounts 1882,	14 40
Abbott Norris, expenses to Concord to settle State tax,	1 90
Abbott Norris, printing tax bills,	1 00
Albert Bachelder, bounty on 184 crows,	18 40
Morris H. Smith, bounty on 43 crows,	4 30
Morris H. Smith, car fare for tramps,	1 40
John W. Berry use of team and refreshments,	15 00
Albert Bachelder, "	2 00
" " fare to Concord,	1 90
James R. Leavitt, care of hearse three years,	3 00
	$110 77

CEMETERY.

Paid Elmary Shaw, for land,	$3 00
David M. Dow, heirs, for land,	2 00
S. H. Leavitt, "	1 85
Mrs. S. H. Leavitt,	10 00
S. H. Leavitt, for grading,	32 50
John L. Smith, "	5 00
Richard Taylor, "	11 00
Charles E. Bachelder, legal services,	15 00
Albert Bachelder, labor and services,	24 50
John W. Berry, " "	24 50
John Bachelder, for stakes,	7 50
	$815 00

Received of Charles E. Seavey, lot No. 71,	30 00
Benjamin Crumble, " 53,	25 00
Albert C. Locke " 68,	25 00
John Leavitt, " 60,	25 00
E. B. Jewell, and Mrs. Geo. Dow, No. 56,	20 00
Heirs of Joshua J. Norton, No. 4,	22 00
" " H. M. Philbrick, No. 44,	22 00
Elmary Shaw, for wood,	5 00
John L. Smith, for old wall,	5 00
	$179 00

The appraised value of 68 lots unsold, $1415 00

Bills contracted:

Cyrus Fogg to furnish the requisite number of stone posts set and drilled, four holes, at $1.25 each.

4 gate posts, $3.50 each.

Richard Taylor to deliver them for 25cts. each, large and small.

Lock and Tarlton to furnish 2 iron gates like plan $70 00

To alter and enlarge old one 17 50

OFFICIAL.

Paid H.B. Lamprey and John Leavitt, Auditors, 1883,	$2 00
Jona. Rollins, Town Clerk,	20 00
T. V. Haines, School Committee,	15 00
Abbott Norris, Collector,	25 00
Albert Bachelder, Selectman,	45 00
John W. Berry, Selectman,	48 00
Morris H. Smith, "	15 00
John Bachelder, Treasurer,	10 00

Paid H. B. Lamprey, Supervisor,	4 00
Charles A. Watson, "	5 00
Samuel G. Caswell, "	4 00
	$193 00

ALBERT BACHELDER, JOHN W. BERRY, MORRIS H. SMITH, } Selectmen of No. Hampton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand from last year,	$1013 73
Received from Collector,	4929 21
Railroad tax,	75 94
Savings bank tax,	792 41
Literary fund,	55 59
Sale of lots at cemetery,	179 00
Road scraper and Town Hall,	7 00
from the State, bounties	22 70
" " County	79 69
Sheep,	5 50
Int. on money on deposit,	34 21
	$7194 98
Paid County tax,	$1321 23
State tax,	1048 00
Schools, District No. 1,	646 08
" " " 2,	372 26
" " " 2, for repairs,	45 00
per order of Selectmen,	3223 45
	$6656 02
Cash on hand,	538 96
Due from Collector,	168 78

JOHN BACHELDER, Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having examined the books and accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer, find them correctly cast with proper vouchers. We also find that the town indebtedness is as follows:

Notes held by sundry persons,		$2900 00
Interest due on same,		55 00
		$2955 00
Due from collector,	$160 78	
Cash on hand in Treasury,	538 96	
		$699 74
Leaving a balance of		$2255 26
Decrease of debt since March 8, 1883,		$193 01

H. B. LAMPREY,
JOHN LEAVITT, } Auditors.
J. P. ROBINSON,

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON

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Another year of study in our public schools is closed, and the citizens of the town justly demand of the committee an account of his stewardship. While the work and interest in the schools have not been materially different from that of years past, there are some things which ought to be said, since every townsman should feel that our educational interests are second only to our religious privileges, and should eagerly desire to know if the best results have been secured.

DISTRICT NO. 1. CENTRE.

JOHN LEAVITT, Prudential Committee.

The schools are graded.

Mr. L. W. Fogg has taught the grammar department for the past six years, and well understands the wants and disposition of the scholars. His success as a teacher has long been established. During the past year the progress of the scholars has been highly commendable, while in some instances the improvement has been very marked. The order of the school was all that could be desired. The method of instruction has tended to

develop the reasoning powers, as well as strengthen the memory. The teaching has not been wholly confined to the text books, but made broad and practical, so that the scholar may have something to take with him when he shall enter business life. Some studies of a higher grade have been taught in this department, and it would be well if the scholars would remain long enough in this school to take more of what are properly termed High School studies.

The Primary department has been taught by Miss C. E. Warner since it was established, eight years ago. The teacher thoroughly knows her school and how to manage it. The progress of the scholars has never been more marked than during the past year. Genius was shown in devising methods to illustrate the lessons, skill was manifested in keeping the little ones busy, and patience was exhibited in the effort to quiet their natural restlessness. The black-board was freely used in making the lessons impressive. This department was full during the summer and fall terms, but was comparatively small in the winter, as but few of the younger children were able to attend. This is a very important school, inasmuch as the child is started here up the highway of knowledge, and since much of his future attainments depend upon the first lessons.

The money raised in this district beyond what the law requires has been helpful in prolonging the school. As much, or more should be appropriated for another year. Parents ought to take more interest and visit the schools, examine for themselves the methods adopted, and note the progress made. When will the community be fully awake to our educational needs ?

Near the close of the winter term a public entertain ment was given by the scholars of this district, which was a pronounced success, and the proceeds of which will be used for the purchase of apparatus for the school room.

DISTRICT NO. 2 EAST.

STEPHEN B. TARLTON, Prudential Committee.

This district has broken in upon the long established custom of having a female teacher in the summer and a male in the winter, by retaining the same teacher through the year.

Miss L. D. Curtiss of Hampton Falls taught the school successfully. It is seldom that more improvement is made in one year by scholars than was noticeable in this school. The teacher manifested a good degree of enthusiasm, exhibited that needful quality called tact, and won the respect and affection of her pupils. The school room was a quiet, though busy place, and even the boys would tip-toe their movements to and from their seats. The pupils gained confidence in themselves, and showed familiarity with their lessons. There was a decided improvement in some of the studies pursued. Miss Curtiss is a first class teacher. The scholars knew it, and the parents found it out. It is far better to employ the same teacher through the year, and indeed for successive years. The large boys who attended during the winter term added to the interest and character of the school. This district would do well to procure a cabinet organ for the school room. One was brought in during a part of the summer term which proved to be of interest and profit to the children.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The committee has been highly pleased with both the management and the advancement of all the schools during the past year. No cases of insubordination have occurred. The average attendance has met a reasonable expectation. No change of text books has been made, although the Franklin sixth reader has been tak-

en as a supplementary book. All the school rooms should be furnished with a wall map of the State. Illustrative geometrical blocks should be provided by both districts. Aside from such small furnishing, the school rooms are all that can be desired. Quite a number of the scholars of the town have availed themselves of the advantages offered by the Putnam Free School of Newburyport, Mass., and some have graduated from that school for several successive years past. A select school has been taught in the north part of the town for several months by Miss G. A. Norton. It is hoped there will be a growing interest in the education of the children. If they are properly trained in both mind and heart, they soon will worthily fill the places of the fathers.

Believing that the intelligence of the present generation will encourage habits of study in all of our children, that they will be ambitious to keep abreast of the world in its upward progress, that goodness and ability will always be held at a premium, and that God will help those who, being in the right try to help themselves, your committee lays down the work which to him during the past year has been pleasant, and he would fain hope has, to a degree been profitable to the cause of education in the town.

T. V. HAINES,

School Committee

North Hampton, March, 1884.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

District.	No. 1.		No. 2.
Money raised by law,	$564 02		$348 73
Literary fund,	32 06		23 53
Money above what the law requires,	50 00		45 00
Amount for each district,	$646 08		$417 26
	Gram. School.	Prim. School	
Wages of male teachers,	$48 00		
" female " (average)		$25.00	$35 00
No. of weeks taught in Summer,	10	10	8
" " " Autumn,	9	9	10
" " " Winter,	12	12	14
No. of scholars in Summer,	38	37	21
" " Autumn,	31	37	22
" " Winter,	34	25	25
Average attendance in Summer,	33	31	19
" " " Autumn,	25	31	20
" " " Winter,	28	16	22
No. of scholars in Reading,	42	37	25
" " " Spelling,	42	37	25
" " " Penmanship,	42	27	22
" " " Arithmetic,	42	27	22
" " " Geography,	34	14	19
" " " Grammar,	38		9
" " " History,	4	4	4
" " " Composition,	31		
" " " Physiology,	4		5
" " " Algebra.	4		1
" " " Philosophy,			1
" " " Book-keeping,			3
No. of scholars on the roll of honor,	6		6
No. of visits by citizens,	10	12	25
" " Prudential committee,	2	1	
" " Superintending "	7	7	7

Number of scholars between five and fifteen years of age not attending the district schools, No. 1, five. No. 2, three.

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